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1. I APPRECIATED RECEIVING YOUR LATEST THINKING ON WHERE WE STAND WITH RESPECT TO THE TRADE CENTER AND WHAT NEXT STEPS ARE NEEDED. CAL BERLIN'S VISIT HERE WAS A REAL HELP IN THIS REGARD AND HE WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN IN DETAIL HIS SEVERAL TALKS WITH COMMERCE OFFICIALS. I UNDERSTAND THAT COMMERCE INTENDS TO SEND A SMALL GROUP TO LONDON SHORTLY TO REVIEW POTENTIAL CHANCERY OFFICE SPACE FOR THE NEW INTER-NATIONAL MARKETING CENTER (IMC).

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2. AS YOU POINT OUT, SPACE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE IMC ARE DEPENDENT ON FINAL DECISIONS REGARDING THE ICA LIBRARY AND THE RELOCATION OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD'S OFFICES. I HAVE ASKED BOB FUNSETH TO HEAD A SMALL INTER-AGENCY GROUP TO REVIEW THESE TWO ISSUES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ME ON THEM BY JUNE 30.

3. THE TRAVEL SERVICE HAS ALREADY INFORMED ME THAT IT WILL APPEAL MY DECISION TO CLOSE ITS LONDON OFFICE AND PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING SUCH APPEALS BY THE SENIOR MANAGEMENT REVIEW GROUP (HEADED BY BEN READ) ARE NOW BEING ESTABLISHED. HOWEVER, FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, I SUGGEST THAT YOU PROCEED ON THE BASIS THAT THE PRESENT LIBRARY SPACES WILL BECOME AVAILABLE FOR AN IMC FACILITY AND SUCH OTHER USE AS YOU DECIDE. VANCE

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